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Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 to 9 and 31 to 39 are pending in this application. By this Response, Claims 1 and 31 are amended and new Claims 61-70 are added to the patent application. Applicant submits that the amendments and the new claims add no new subject matter and are supported fully within the detailed description of the present invention as originally filed. The Applicant has amended claims within the present application at this time to facilitate allowance of the present patent application, but the Applicant reserves the right to file a Continuation patent application including claims substantially similar to the claims as written prior to the present amendment.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The Examiner rejected Claims 1-3 and 31-33 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Ferichichi et al. U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0012382 (hereinafter '382). The applicant respectfully submits that the '382 reference does not anticipate amended Claims 1 or 31

The '382 reference is directed to a single sign-on process that allows a mobile user with mobile equipment to remote-access a remote location. The sign-on process includes sending a first authenticator over a first communication layer to first intermediate equipment between said mobile equipment and said remote location and verifying in said first intermediate equipment said first authenticator sent by said mobile equipment. Based upon the first authenticator being accepted, the communication layer between the mobile equipment and the intermediate equipment is completed. Effectively, as described within the '382 reference, the single sign-on module enables a user to log-in to multiple communication layers with only one password by managing the log-ins within each communication layer. The single sign-on module as disclosed in the '382 reference can include hardware and software parts, but the single sign-on module is described as "a software module running on a microprocessor in a mobile equipment of a user 10".

The '382 reference does not disclose or suggest the single sign-on module comprising a transceiver that includes means for establishing a carrier signal or the single sign-on module

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comprising a communication port whatsoever. Further, the '382 reference does not disclose or suggest that the enabling of data to pass through the communications port of a secure access transceiver or secure access controller only being enabled upon authentication of the entity seeking access to a computerized equipment and for otherwise preventing data from passing through the communications port of the secure access transceiver or secure access controller.

It is respectfully submitted therefore that the '382 reference does not anticipate Amended Claims 1 or 31. Further, since Claims 2, 3, 32 and 33 are dependent on one of independent Claims 1 and 31, it is respectfully submitted that the '382 reference does not anticipate Claims 2, 3, 32 or 33 as well. Based upon the above arguments, the Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1-3 and 31-33 are in allowable form.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The Examiner rejected Claims 4-6 and 34-37 under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the '382 reference in view of Whitworth U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2001/0034717 (hereinafter '717).

Claims 4-6 and 34-37 are all dependent (directly or indirectly) upon one of amended independent Claims 1 and 31 and therefore the same arguments as described above apply to the '382 reference. Further, it is respectfully submitted that the above described limitations are also lacking from the '717 reference, which, for its part, merely teaches a system and method for providing fraud resistant credit cards using encryption.

It is therefore respectfully submitted that Claims 4-6 and 34-37 overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103 and are in allowable form.

The Examiner rejected Claims 8, 9, 38 and 39 under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the '382 reference in view of Koenck et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,714,983 (hereinafter '983).

Claims 8, 9, 38 and 39 are all dependent (directly or indirectly) upon one of amended independent Claims 1 and 31 and therefore the same arguments as described above apply to the '382 reference. Further, it is respectfully submitted that the above described limitations are also lacking from the '983 reference, which, for its part, teaches a portable data terminal

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that allows communications received by one transceiver within a first subnetwork to be re-transmitted by another transceiver within a second subnetwork.

It is therefore respectfully submitted that Claims 8, 9, 38 and 39 overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103 and are in allowable form.

As new Claims 61-70 submitted herein are all dependent (directly or indirectly) upon one of amended independent Claims 1 and 31, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 61-70 are in allowable form for similar reasons as Claims 1 and 31 described in detail above.

It is respectfully submitted that in view of the clarifying amendments made to Claims 1 and 31, all claims that remain pending in this application are in a condition for immediate allowance. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and immediate allowance of the claims.

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